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REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

ARE THE DAILIES FAIR?

If a proposal were made that a survey be conducted during the 1956 Presidential campaign to determine how fair the daily press was in its presentation of the news, what would be the attitude of the Chicago Tribune to that proposal?

Asking such a question is something like asking what would be the attitude of the National Association of Manufacturers to the forming of the AFL-CIO.

The returns are in on both questions: The NAM disapproves of the AFL-CIO; and the Chicago Tribune, one of the best friends the NAM has this side of you-know-where, disapproves of any study being made of the fairness of the daily press in the Presidential campaign.

SENSE AND NONSENSE
The Chicago Tribune claims that "there are no easy ways of measuring this quality" of fairness. It goes on to say:

"If one candidate talks what the editor regards as sense and the other talks nonsense, does fairness require that they be given equal space?"

The answer to that is easy: of course they should be given equal space. Who is the editor that he should decide—in his news columns—what is sense and nonsense when uttered by a Presidential candidate? In his editorial column let him make that decision, not in his news columns.

Another question raised by the Chicago Tribune is:

"If one makes his campaign interesting and the other is a great bore, are they to be given equal treatment?" Again the answer is: YES.

"And to make it harder," continues the Chicago Tribune, "suppose the more lively candidate is advocating economic quackery and the dull one is defending the public welfare?"

That last question reveals the troubled heart of the Chicago Tribune editor. He knows that the Republican candidate is going to be a great bore, as usual, and that the Democrat will in a lively cheerful way advocate "economic quackery," that is, will fail to follow the NAM line. So he knows that during the coming campaign he's going to have to cover faithfully the statements of the "great bore" and leave out the interesting talk of the opponent of the "great bore." Poor fellow! He faces a tough year!

ANOTHER TRIBUNE

Finally, the Chicago Tribune editor contends that an editor's "first obligation is not to both the candidates or either of them, but to his readers."

Answer: The first obligation of the editor to his readers is fairly, so the reader, not the warped NAM and its organ, the Chicago Tribune, can make the decision.

There's no more use arguing with the Chicago Tribune than there is with a certain other Tribune beloved of the McCarthyites. But in fairness it must be said that this certain other Tribune comes nearer to playing fair than does the Chicago Tribune. (Which gives you, if you've never read the Chicago one, some idea of just how bad the Chicago Tribune is.)

DESSERT LUNCHEON
whilst party sponsored by Albany Democratic Women's Forum Club Wednesday, January 11, 12:30 p.m. at Democratic Alameda County headquarters, 2105 MacArthur. Admission 50 cents. Co-chairmen: Mrs. Bertha Scholtz, Mrs. Rhoda Warne.

SKELLY OIL CO. has reached an understanding with the Denver Building & Construction Trades Council, the BTC here has been notified.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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Machinists 1518 Officers Chosen

Machinist Production Workers Lodge 1518 in its December election put into office the following without contest:

President — Raymond Enos
Vice President — Daniel Ramos

Financial Secretary — Herbert C. Hoover

Recording Secretary — Pauline Nunes

Conductor — Frank Cruz

Building Association Delegate — John Seffer

Those who won the contested offices were:

Treasurer — Henry Matthews

Sentinel — Herbert Goodfellow

Trustee — Frank Bento Jr.

Executive Board — William R. Beach, Roscoe Cobabe, Henry L. Nunes, Lawrence Thompson, Henry Walters

Delegates to District Lodge No. 115 — Frank Bento Jr., Herbert Frahm, Herbert Goodfellow, Joseph Hackenkamp, Lawrence Thompson

Delegates to Convention — Roscoe Cobabe.

Officers Elected By Pressmen 125

At the last meeting of the Oakland Printing Pressmen's and Assistants Union No. 125 the following officers were elected:

President — Don Gardner

Vice-President — Hugh Mowrey

Secretary-Treasurer and Business Representative — Fred Brooks

Corresponding and Recording Secretary — C. A. Moreno

Sergeant-at-Arms — M. Hayes

Executive Committee — Ed Lawrence, L. White, Robert Morehead, Philip Vincent, Edward Terry, John Shillich, Allen Dunn, John Melnich, J. Henderson, C. W. Cunningham

Finance Committee — R. Ambrose, A. S. Ciraulo, E. Landgraf

East Bay Allied Council Delegates — A. Franklin, Ed Lawrence

Central Labor Council Delegates — L. Hoffmeister, L. White

International Correspondent — Fred Brooks.

15,000 Clerks Win \$10 Million Award

LOS ANGELES (AFL-CIO) — Premium pay retroactive to 1953 will mean an estimated \$10 million to 15,000 members of the Retail Clerks Union employed in the food markets of Los Angeles County.

A unanimous California Supreme Court decision awarded back pay for night and holiday work to Local 770 and ended litigation between the union and the Food Employers Council over interpretation of an arbitrator's decision given May 12, 1952.

The decision gave clerks triple time on holidays and time and a half, up to a maximum of \$2 per shift, for work performed after 6 p.m. The agreement, which was pending, was controlled.

CHARLES P. SCULLY, general counsel for the State Federation of Labor, was inaugurated as a member of the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth Club December 30.

VOTE NOV. 6

PRIMARY VOTE

REGISTRATION

STUDY OF CANDIDATES

SUPPORT OF POLITICAL LEAGUE

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL MEETS MONDAY, JAN. 9

The Central Labor Council meets Monday, January 9, resuming its regular schedule.

The meetings of December 26 and January 2 were canceled, due to those dates being the holidays for Christmas and New Year.

Minimum Wage In California to Be Given Full Review

All AFL councils were notified that the State Industrial Welfare Commission is now preparing to rewrite rules and regulations under which women and minors may be employed in California.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, reported that the Industrial Welfare Commission is currently considering the appointment of wage boards to review minimum wages, maximum hours, and working conditions.

The present state minimum wage for women and minors is 75 cents per hour. The present federal minimum covering all workers is \$1.00 per hour.

The Industrial Welfare Commission has announced a public hearing for January 20 in San Francisco to consider rules and regulations which will prevail at subsequent hearings. Wage boards will act in an advisory capacity and make recommendations to the commission prior to public hearings, which will be held on the specific regulations.

Unions interested in having representatives serve on the various wage boards should write to Haggerty at California State Federation of Labor headquarters, 995 Market Street, San Francisco. The boards are to consist of expert representatives of employers, and employees in their respective spheres of job activity.

Wage boards will be established for the following classifications:

Manufacturing and Mercantile Industries; Personal Service Industry; Canning, Freezing, and Preserving Industry; Professional, Technical, Clerical, and Similar Occupations; Public Housekeeping; Laundry, Dry Cleaning, and Dyeing Industry; Industries Handling Farm Products After Harvest; Transportation Industries; Amusement and Recreation Industries and Motion Picture Industry—State Federation Newsletter.

Roofers Reelect All Officers, and Board

All incumbents were returned to office by Roofers 81 at their election held December 14, for one-year terms, as follows:

President — C. Silveria

Vice President — J. H. Fredericks

Recording Secretary — Franklyn C. Hesse

Financial Secretary-Treasurer — William Phalanger

Business Agent — S. A. Summers

Warden — L. O. Blodgett

Trustees — Hesse, Joseph Vaira, Charles Young

Executive Board — Vaira, Fredericks, L. H. Thomas, George Haskins, Eddie Gregg, Frank Esperance, Lloyd E. Cox

Alameda County BTC — Phalanger, Summers, Silveria, Fredericks

Contra Costa BTC — Summers, R. H. Shelton

Conference Board — Gregg, Esperance, Phalanger, Vaira.

Lung Test Picture Scheduled, Temple

The Alameda County Tuberculosis Association will have its portable X-ray mechanism in front of the Labor Temple Monday night, January 23, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Any delegates to the Central Labor Council or other labor people in the vicinity are welcome to have a checkup on their lungs through the mechanism. CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash announces. The taking of the lung picture requires but a moment or two.

Labor Asks Congressmen To Defend Civil Rights

BOSTON, Mass. (AFL-CIO) — Massachusetts members of Congress were called upon to lead a fight for enactment of civil rights legislation at a Greater Boston Civil Rights Rally in historic Faneuil Hall.

A dozen labor organizations co-sponsored the rally with other patriotic, religious, veterans' and service groups.

Unions Assemble Aid for Victims Of State's Floods

Machinists District Lodge 115, Auto Machinists 1546, and the Teamster unions here, were among the AFL-CIO organizations actively collecting food, clothing, and cash for flood sufferers in a drive beginning last week.

Pacific Intermountain Express was supplying trucks and the Teamsters Brotherhood was paying the drivers' wages to get supplies to the stricken areas. PIE also offered stainless steel tank trucks to get water to communities where the normal supply is contaminated.

Financial aid for flood victims in northern California was pledged by an AFL-CIO Flood Relief Committee organized by joint action of the state AFL and CIO organizations.

C. J. Haggerty, committee chairman, issued an appeal to 3,000 AFL unions and councils in California, asking for immediate contributions.

Haggerty said all moneys collected will be turned over to the American Red Cross for distribution to flood victims.

Haggerty declared that labor funds would be used to repair and rebuild private homes, and replace essential furnishings in private homes.

The five-man AFL-CIO committee directing the fund campaign is comprised of Haggerty, Thomas L. Pitts, president of the California State Federation of Labor; Manuel Dias, president of the CIO California Industrial Union Council; John Despot, secretary-treasurer of the state CIO group, and Arthur R. Heller, western area director of the AFL-CIO Community Services Committee.

Haggerty asked that all organizational and individual contributions be sent to committee headquarters, Room 810, 995 Market Street, San Francisco.

Milk Driver Hears New Head of Labor

Angelo Bruzzone, member of Milk Drivers 302, who is studying at Ruskin College in Oxford, England, on a scholarship, writes that he had an opportunity recently to hear a talk by Hugh Gaitskill.

Since Bruzzone sent his letter, Gaitskill has been elected head of the Labor Party, which means that the next time Labor wins an election in England Gaitskill will be made Premier. "I was very much impressed by Gaitskill and his sensible forward look," says Bruzzone, "although some of the Labor Party members think he is a little too conservative."

"The gist of his speech was that the Labor Party should not just remain a party for labor, but a party for all the people. He felt they must create an interest for the electorate as a whole. And it is my opinion that to win another election, they must do just this."

Bruzzone says he also heard a talk by Harold Wilson, a member of parliament, but found him "more the oldguard type of the Labor Party."

Bruzzone wishes to hear speeches by Tory politicians as well, and expects to get this chance soon.

Pressmen's Kiddies Have a Good Party

The children of the members of the different pressmen's unions in the East Bay were invited to a Christmas party at the Roxie Theater on December 17, 1955.

They were greeted at the door by Santa Claus who presented them with two Christmas stockings, then were entertained with a two hour show.

Upon the conclusion of the show they were again presented with Christmas stockings and bubblegum as they left the theater.

Over one thousand children showed up.

This was the second such Christmas party sponsored by the Area Council of Pressmen's Unions comprised of Web Pressmen's Union Local No. 39, Ink and Roller Maker's Union No. 5, Printing Specialties Union No. 382, Commercial Pressmen's Union No. 125 and Offset Union No. 473. It is the intention at the present time to make this party an annual affair.

Santa Claus was represented very well by Norman R. Nygard, past president of Ink and Roller Maker's Union No. 5.

DEMOCRATIC PENSION Club meets this (Friday) evening at 6 p.m. at True Food Cafeteria.

Clip This Out and Take to Polls!

LABOR'S CANDIDATES FOR FREMONT CITY ELECTION JANUARY 10

Following are the candidates for Fremont City Council endorsed by the Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL in the election Tuesday, January 10, to serve if the proposed Fremont City incorporation is adopted by the voters on that date:

CHARLES A. RUSSELL
EDWARD L. ROSE
ROBERT O'FLAHERTY
ROBERT W. FURRER SR.

All labor people eligible to vote in the Fremont City election are urged to go to the polls and vote for the four candidates endorsed by labor.

Both former separate AFL unions and former separate CIO unions have shown great interest in the campaign. The Northern California Citizenship Council of the United Auto Workers-AFL-CIO, and United Auto Workers 560-AFL-CIO have adopted resolutions supporting Russell.

Go to the polls Tuesday, January 10, and vote for the labor-endorsed candidates for Fremont City Council.

BTC Discusses Coordination Of Drive for Seven-Hour Day

Discussion of coordination of the efforts of various unions to achieve the seven-hour day occupied considerable attention at the first meeting of the new year held by the Building Trades Council Tuesday.

Most of the site construction unions have already turned in resolutions endorsing the 7-

hour day resolution adopted by the council, it was reported by BTC Secretary John Davy.

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers said the Board of Business Agents was sending requests to those unions which have not yet taken such action to do so in order to get loose ends tied in and get the project organized.

It was brought out in the general discussion that those unions which already have the 7-hour day or a still shorter one will be giving moral support to the drive. Those unions which are tied up in contracts running for two or three years more cannot take immediate action, it was pointed out.

Pledges of support for the project were given by such unions.

Another angle brought out was that some unions negotiate for all of the northern counties except the Bay counties, with the Associated General Contractors, and that others negotiate in a different area.

Among those who participated in the discussion were Chester Bartolini and C. E. Risley, Carpenters 36; George Whitton, Plasterers 112; E. W. Mulrew, Teamsters 70; Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622.

UNIVERSITY TAXES

Bartolini said that as secretary of the Bay District Council of Carpenters he had so far been unable to get any definite information about how much taxes, if any, the universities and similar institutions are paying on business properties owned by them and rented or leased to commercial firms.

James H. Quinn of the State Board of Equalization had simply written that Bartolini's inquiry had been referred to the board; and Bartolini had received a booklet which would take considerable analysis to get the gist of it. He said he feared they were being given the brushoff.

Bartolini added that an article in a national magazine had dwelt on the magnitude of the projects Stanford University is developing, and that if the plans for leasing large tracts of Stanford land for the building of homes were carried out, and if Stanford failed to pay taxes on the profits from this, it would throw an undue burden on the owners of homes elsewhere.

Children said that in response to an inquiry by the council, a State Board of Equalization analyst had written that there were no statistics available on how much business property was owned by tax-exempt or tax-eased institutions.

The general sentiment of the delegates that this was a matter which should not be allowed to go by, and that it is urgent to find out what taxes such institutions are paying on property developed either for commercial operations or for homes.

WAGE BOARDS

Secretary C. J. Haggerty of the State Federation of Labor called the council's attention in a letter to the fact that the State Industrial Welfare Commission is preparing to appoint wage boards to adjust the orders covering minimum wages, maximum hours, and working conditions for women and minors.

Haggerty said the State Federation wished to do everything possible to get good labor representation on these boards,

East Bay Crusade Gets \$2,418,311 As Its Allocation

The East Bay United Crusade was allocated \$2,418,311 by the executive committee of the United Bay Area Crusade, as its share of the total UBAC allocation of \$9,607,750, raised in its first campaign for 288 voluntary health and welfare agencies in the Bay Area.

Included in the UBAC allocations is \$367,691 earmarked for new agencies participating in the United Crusade for the first time. In the East Bay, the East Bay Association for Retarded Children was allocated \$2500, in addition to an unannounced sum to be allocated later by the East Bay United Crusade for the program of the Luella Fuller School taken over by the Association for Retarded Children.

Three Central Contra Costa County services will share \$16,410 as Crusade newcomers. These include the Pleasant Hill Camp Fire Girls, the Martinez Boys Club, and an extension of the services of the Central Contra Costa Chapter of the American Red Cross into Concord.

Allocations for other Crusades were as follows: Marin County—\$151,521; West Contra Costa—\$272,525; San Mateo County—\$600,334; and San Francisco—\$5,007,405.

The total pledged thus far is \$719,750 more than was raised by the five participating Crusades in 1954. All of the five area Crusades in UBAC received more than they had previously raised on their own. Distribution of funds was made on the basis of a formula recommended by the Allocations Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. Both groups are made up of volunteer representatives from all five counties.

Two percent of the amount raised was set aside as a reserve against losses, deaths, removals, and other uncollectables.

In addition, the Committee pointed out that the total cost of the first year of operation of the five county Crusades participating in UBAC was 9.5 percent. This included the cost of organizing UBAC, conducting its first campaign, collecting and budgeting, as well as a year-round public information program and year-round administrative costs, all on a five county basis.

The UBAC Allocations Committee is chairmaned by Paul J. Cushing of Oakland, and includes East Bay Representatives, Jeffery Conlan, Ray T. Haackel, Robert Kahn, and E. V. McVoy.

Mrs. Shirpsen In Kefauver Camp'gn

Mrs. Clara Shirpsen has issued a statement saying that she feels honored to have been named vice chairman in charge of women's activities west of the Mississippi for Senator Kefauver in his race for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Mrs. Shirpsen, Democratic National Committeewoman for California, says she is optimistic regarding Senator Kefauver's chances for victory in the California primaries in June.

She criticizes Attorney General Pat Brown for having been mentioned in a press report as saying:

"Even if Senator Kefauver does win California's primary election, he will not capture the 1956 Democratic convention nomination for President."

Brown is backing Adlai Stevenson.

Big Roosevelt Day Observance Jan. 12

East Bay Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action is holding its annual Roosevelt Day Dinner January 12 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hotel Shattuck, Berkeley.

The guest speaker will be Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., professor of history at Harvard University, Pulitzer Prize winner for his historical study "The Age of Jackson," and former Stevenson campaign aide.

Robert Ash, vice-president of the State Federation of Labor and secretary of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, will also be among the speakers.

Peter Odegard, professor and chairman of the political science department of the University of California, Berkeley, will be the master of ceremonies.

A reception for Prof. Schlesinger will be held from four to six preceding the dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wilkin, 2740 Shasta Road, Berkeley.

Fifth Miami Hotel Signs With Union

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AFL-CIO) — Several thousand Hotel and Restaurant Employees thronged a meeting which sparked the winter organization drive to bring union conditions and wages to the hotels of this resort city.

Irving Kipnis, owner of the swank Seville Hotel which opened December 20, told the meeting he had signed a union contract "to assure more efficient service to Seville guests." The Seville is the fifth hotel to sign with the union.

Promises that there would be picket lines around three other hostilities before New Year unless union agreements were signed were made by Bert H. Ross, international vice president. Ross pledged that the drive for contracts among the nearly 400 hotels would be intensified.

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Merger Keeps Both Radio Newscasters

WASHINGTON — The AFL-CIO will sponsor two radio news programs in 1956 over the nationwide network of the American Broadcasting System.

Edward P. Morgan, will be heard from 6:45 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on KGO, Monday through Friday. The program will originate in Washington. Morgan was sponsored by the AFL in 1955.

John W. Vandercook will be heard from 7:00 to 7:05 P.M. on KGO, right after Morgan. Vandercook was sponsored by the CIO in 1955.

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The largest share of budgeted funds, about 41 percent, or \$35.6 million, went for traditional Red Cross services to the armed forces and veterans. Next in line was the blood program, which operated at a cost of \$12.6 million including the expense of opening three new regional programs, making the U. S. total \$47. Disaster relief required \$7.2 million for emergency care for 91,000 persons and to help rehabilitate 14,400 families.

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Sheriff H. P. Gleason As Civil Defense Director Grateful for Flood Aid

Editor, Labor Journal:

May I use your columns to express the thanks of this agency for the splendid service given by volunteers during the floods of last week?

I wish to especially thank the members of the Alameda County Road Department; the Sheriff's Reserves; the Sheriff's Underwater Squadron; the volunteer fire departments, with special emphasis on the Niles Fire Department; the Red Cross; the hundreds of persons who supplied boats and outboard motors; of course, the Coast Guard which, as usual, was more than efficient; and last, but not least, the detail from Santa Rita that put in long hours of toll filling and placing sand bags.

As Civil Defense Director of this County it made me very proud of the splendid response, not only of the groups named above, but the fine citizens who came and volunteered to take persons into their homes, as well as the marvelous response to the appeal for clothing and money for disaster victims in the northern part of the State. We had over two truck loads of clothing and food at San Lorenzo and the Court House within three hours after the appeal. It makes one feel very happy to be working for this sort of a community.

Sincerely

H. P. GLEASON,

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The St. Louis Labor Tribune,

Watchmak'rs Move For New '56 Pacts

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

The holidays have come and gone, but in Redwood City picketing of Hilton's continues in the new year.

We have forwarded new agreements to the stores in San Mateo and Burlingame. The agreement expires on February 28, 1956. We are asking for the same changes that were put into effect in San Francisco and the East Bay agreements last October.

The Redwood City stores all signed the new agreement, along with Ted Steiner's new jewelry store in San Mateo. We anticipate no trouble with the other San Mateo and Burlingame stores relative to the signing of the new agreement.

When this is accomplished, all the San Mateo County agreements will be the same as the San Francisco and East Bay agreements, except that they will expire on February 28, 1957.

We also expect to have new agreements signed in the Crystal and Dial Shops by the time you read this column.

Granat Bros. Shop had the usual Christmas Party this year and through our efforts, were paid off for the full day.

We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Joseph Granat on behalf of our members, for this gesture.

Iowa Merger

DES MOINES, Iowa — Merger committees from the state AFL and CIO groups in Iowa are expected to meet within a short time to work out merger of the two state federations.

A merger committee has already been appointed by State CIO President, Vernon Dale, while State AFL President Ray Mills said he would name a committee within a few days. Both announced that they were confident there would be no major obstacles in merger discussions.

Dale has already announced that he will support Mills for president of the new merger group. Mills is not expected to have any competition for that office.—Labor's Daily.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Automotive Machinists 1546

The next regular meeting of Tuesday, January 3, was changed to the following Friday, January 6, at which time we will honor as our special guests members receiving Grand Lodge awards for continuous membership for 15 years and over.

A short business meeting between 7 and 8 will be followed by installation of officers, introductions, and presentation of awards. Floor will be cleared for dancing, and refreshments served in an adjoining hall. Bring a partner and enjoy an evening of dancing to music of Brother Larry Cabral and his orchestra.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN E. CLARK,
Financial Secretary

Building Service Employees 18

Our next regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, January 27, 1956.

Fraternally yours,
W. DOUGLAS GELBERT,
Secretary

Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939

The next regular meeting will be held Friday, January 13, 1956.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

The next meeting is Friday January 6, 1956, at 8 p.m. There will be no doubt, be some subjects of interest brought upon the floor of the meeting for discussion. We may be called upon to take a vote on some of these questions at a meeting in the near future. Do show your interest by attending these meetings, and taking part in them.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Steamfitters 342

See special notice about course in blueprinting for piping installation in another column of this paper.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

Alameda County School Employees 257

The next regular meeting will be held at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, on January 7, 1956 at 2:00 P.M.

This is a required meeting, subject to a \$5.00 absentee fine. If unable to attend due to circumstances beyond your control, please phone the secretary.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:00 A.M.

Fraternally yours,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary LA 3-5587

Hayward Culinary Workers & Bartenders 823

Our next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 1956, will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Local 823 headquarters.

Fraternally yours,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Berkeley Painters Local 40

The next regular meeting of Painters Local No. 40, January 13, 1956, will be a Special Called meeting for the purpose of nominating and electing delegates to the 1956 State Conference of Painters. The Executive Board will meet at 7:00 P.M., this same evening.

Fraternally,
BEN RASNICK
Recording Secretary

UC Employees 371

The regular monthly meeting will be held Saturday, January 14, at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street. All members are urged to attend, as this is the month for nominating officers for the coming year.

Fraternally yours,
WALTER N. RENYER,
Secretary

Special Meeting Notice to All Members of Painters Local No. 127

All members of the above local are hereby notified that the next meeting of the local to be held on Thursday, January 12, 1956 in the regular meeting hall will be a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of electing 2 delegates to the annual meeting of the California State Conference of Painters. Any other special business to come before the meeting will be acted upon and all brothers are urged to attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
Painters Local Union No. 127
EDGAR GULBRANSEN
Recording Secretary

To Members of House Painters Locals Affiliated with Painters District Council 16

The Bay Area Painters Welfare Fund as of January 1, 1956, requests that the membership be notified as follows:

1.—In order to eliminate delays in the processing of claims it is necessary that you have on file with the Bay Area Painters Welfare Fund dependency cards giving such information as births, deaths, marriages, etc.

2.—There has been an increase in benefits effective as of January 1, 1956. For further information as to what these benefits are, please contact your local union.

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Painters 127 Will Choose Delegates

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Our next meeting on January 12, 1956 will be a Special Called meeting for the purpose of electing two delegates to the annual convention of the California State Conference of Painters. Your scribe feels that this is a most important meeting as many things will be taken up that may effect the welfare of the painters throughout the State for a long time to come. It seems to be a well recognized fact that with the combining of the two national organizations the A. F. of L. and the CIO many problems originating on the local level will be ironed out by State Councils and State Conferences. Other progressive moves such as saving local union's on their death insurance premiums through the tri state insurance plan, the reciprocal health and welfare program and united politically indicates very strongly that we should be represented at this conference. All brothers should attend this next meeting if possible.

The new provisions of our welfare plan which went into effect on January 1st will also be discussed.

Work conditions very slow however we look forward to a pickup any time and all the brothers back on the job.

We have been requested due to shortage of space to make this weeks news short so with a sincere wish for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all. See you next week.

Package Increase Won By Eastern Machinists

PHILADELPHIA (AFLCIO) — A 17 cent package increase for 1900 employees of the Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. has been accepted by members of Machinists' Local 1717.

The 20-month contract calls for a 9 cent hourly wage boost January 1 for the majority of workers in the materials handling plant. However, some 300 skilled craftsmen will get raises of 28 cents to 48 cents as a result of some job reclassifications. Another 8 cents for 11 workers will be effective August 31, 1956.

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Installation For Stage Union 107

By WILLIAM PELKEY

At our next meeting on January 10th, the newly elected officers will take their oath of office, along with the regular order of business. With the holidays there seems to be a lack of Union events to report, so I will report on the holiday parties I am told are taking place or will take place. Chet Morris of the Oakland Auditorium held his annual Christmas party, which I am told by John Craig was a bottoms-up success. Western Scenic Studios held open house just before Christmas and I must say a very pleasant time was had by all who attended. Including myself, Howard Goss, Howard Bortoff, Forest Bradley, Chas. Mahoney, Marty Cullen and the powers of Western Scenic. Freddy Miller of the El Rey Girlie Theater was there in all of his Christmas Spirit.

One of our permit men, Jack Finney, would not vouch for it being a Merry Christmas. It seems Jack went for a ride along some railroad tracks late at night, he said it seemed to be raining a little hard (it was the night of the flood in Alameda). To make a long story short, he got his car stuck 75 feet from the road. It was three days before they could tow it out, and at much expense. I have one question Jack, were you alone??? At any rate he got the car out only to be driving down the road a couple of days later to meet another car coming, damage to his car, \$400. Damage to the other car, \$600. Happy New Year, Jack!

Steamfitters 342: Special Notice!

Instructions pertaining to the starting of classes for the course on Blue-Printing for Piping Installation are as follows:

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Instructor, Don Sanders
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CONTRA COSTA JR. COLLEGE, East Campus (Concord Area)

Instructor, Robert Bittenbender
Registration and first class, Monday, January 9, 1956, at 7:00 P.M. Report to Room 312, Pleasant Hills High School, 3100 Oak Park Blvd. No registration fee required.

LANEY TRADE JR. COLLEGE, (Alameda County Area)
Instructor, Tom Weatherwax
Registration January 16 to January 27, 1956. Register 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, on Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Class to start January 30, 1956, at 7:00 P.M.

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Closer Control Over Sleeping Pills Urged By Drug Administration

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — Closer federal controls over the production and distribution of barbiturate sleeping pills was proposed to a House subcommittee by Deputy Commissioner John L. Harvey of the Food & Drug Administration—but his agency isn't interested in taking on the job, he added.

Federal Narcotics Commissioner Harry J. Anslinger doesn't want it either, he told the subcommittee headed by Rep. Boggs (D., La.). He and Harvey explained the pills are so easy to make that enforcement would be "extremely difficult."

The subcommittee has been holding hearings to determine the amount of addition to barbiturates and is now trying to draw up legislation for enforceable controls. Anslinger endorsed Boggs' suggestion that five-year prison terms, with suspensions prohibited, be mandatory for first offense dope peddlers.

INJURED LONGSHOREMAN
John Larsen, 63, has won a \$100.00 out of court settlement with the Government for injuries suffered at the Oakland Army Base two years ago. He suffered paralysis as the result of a fall.

Chrysler Pension Plan Is Approved

DETROIT (AFLCIO) — Approval of an amended pension plan between the Auto Workers and the Chrysler Corp. has been given by the Internal Revenue Service.

UAW Vice Pres. Norman Matthews and John D. Leary, Chrysler labor relations director, said that within the next two weeks 3970 retired workers will get pension checks totaling more than \$229,000 as adjustments retroactive to Sept. 1.

The total monthly increase under the amended pension system will be over \$58,000. The new UAW-Chrysler contract dropped the 30-year limitation of service years for pension credits. Monthly pension benefits were increased from \$1.75 a month to \$2.25 per month for each year of credited service.

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SUGAR WORKERS

Editor, Labor Journal:

This will advise you of the action taken by our local at our December 27th meeting.

Our local mailed our check in the amount of (\$100.00) one hundred dollars to the Hayward Salvation Army for our assistance in flood relief.

Also, as of Friday December 30, our appointed committee Louis Stotyn, Alfred Bray and George Davis have collected clothing enough to fill a pickup, for delivery to the Salvation Army.

I was advised by our Business Agent Brother Jack Strelto to inform you of the part we took, relative to relief.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
W. R. SCHREIBER,
Secretary

APPRENTICESHIP

Editor, Labor Journal:

The Joint Labor and Management Committees of the East Bay wish to take this opportunity to thank East Bay Labor Journal for publicity given the Apprenticeship Completion Ceremonies for the year 1955.

Very truly yours,

JOHN W. AUSTIN,
General Secretary

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After standing in line for 20 minutes, the moviegoer arrived at the box office and asked for a ticket in the orchestra.

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"Well," said the girl sweetly, "we like it."—American Weekly.

HUMAN FILTERS

A San Francisco cab driver, propounding theory on why that city is so clean: "The wind picks up all the dirt and blows it into the air. Then the people breathe it. That gets it out of circulation and keeps the city clean."—United Mine Workers Journal.

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EDITORIALS

AFLCIO Should Go All-Out For Long Neglected Farm Workers

When those heavy rains got under way down in southern Alameda county in the Alvarado area, vegetable growers realized that if they didn't get their cauliflower out at once they'd lose the crop.

So if you were jogging along fairly comfortably through the big downpour in your automobile or in a bus you could look out and see wagons onto which men in dripping clothes were loading the cauliflower. These men did not look as though they were Wall Street or even Montgomery Street brokers who had volunteered to come out in the rain and help save the crop. In fact, they looked as though they were poor men doing a mighty mean job.

They were poor men. They still are. They, and all their fellow workers in the same occupation in this State get bad pay, bad living conditions, bad schooling for their children, who are dragged about from school to school as agricultural work changes. Much of the time they are out of work, out of money, out of hope.

Neither the old separate AFL nor the old separate CIO ever went all-out to get these people organized, and to give them a decent chance to live as American citizens should live. The CIO agricultural union years ago got so infested with Commies that it had to be kicked out. The AFL union for agricultural workers has always been somewhat of a "poor relation" with a seat at the bottom of the bureaucratic table in our structure.

Some of the vegetable farms in southern Alameda county are owned by big outfits; in fact, bigger and bigger outfits are coming into possession of all the farm land of the United States. Let the heads of these big enterprises put on old-fashioned chin whiskers and call themselves by the magic name of "farmer" all they please, the fact is they're big business men, and mighty tough hombres.

When you hear talk, from either Democrats or Republicans, about how farmers deserve high support prices because farm prices are declining if left to themselves, always stop and explain whether you mean farmers that farm or corporations and big businesses that exploit nonunion labor and Government aid programs.

A booklet entitled "Down on the Farm: The Plight of Agricultural Labor," put out by the League for Industrial Democracy and the National Sharecroppers Fund claims that "one quarter of the farm products sold on the market each year comes from the corporation-type farms. They are the chief beneficiaries of the price support program. Since there is no ceiling on support payments, the farmers with the largest production get the largest payments."

How large some of those payments can run right here in California to corporation-type "farmers" is made clear by noting figures which appeared in the Congressional Record May 5, 1955 on payments made to big outfits in 1953. Giffen, Inc., for example, near Huron, California, got \$1,246,516. The only corporation "farmer" in the U. S. surpassing that was the Delta & Pine Land Co., of Scott, Mississippi, and it got only a very little more. Perhaps we should be proud of standing so close to the distinguished State of Mississippi with its well known interest in the poor and humble of all races!

If the newly birthed AFLCIO doesn't go all-out for organizing the farm workers, and do what it can for getting the Government to make a clear distinction between farmers who farm and corporations which pose as old-fashioned farmers with chin whiskers, then the AFLCIO may rightly be considered a flop, by all those genuinely interested in human welfare, no matter how much it does for us comparatively fat cats in other crafts and industries.

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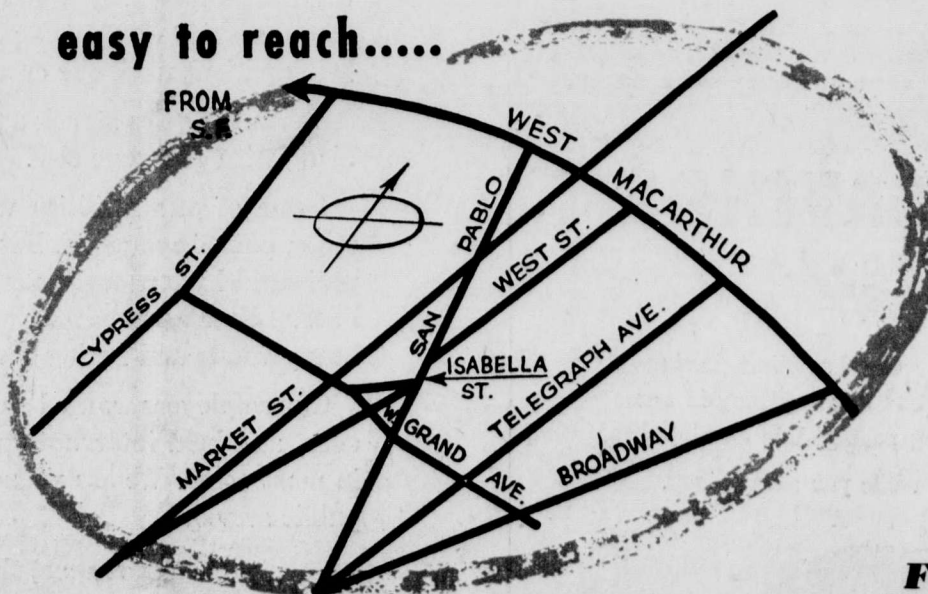
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